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1. It is reported that a certain Engineer Ploss (fnu) acted as the middleman in the recently concluded sale of 1000 tons of Chilean electrolytic copper to USIA (Administration of Soviet Properties in Austria) at \$528 per ton c.i.f. Trieste. The Soviets have taken delivery of the shipment.
2. The Chileans delivered 2000 tons and the second lot of 1000 tons arrived in Trieste early in March 1949. Ploss is attempting to sell the Soviets the second lot at \$565 per ton, since the world price for this commodity has increased. The Soviets, however, are delaying the purchase of the shipment at the quoted price.

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